



RECEIVED PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 2001

IN RE

APPLICATION OF: Kent E. Regnier

SERIAL NO.: 09/482,135

FILED: January 12, 2000

FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE
BARRIER COMPONENTS

EXAMINER: C. Prasad

ART UNIT: 2839

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 99-247 US

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT "C"

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Applicant submits herewith three copies of Figures 2-4 marked in red ink thereon reflecting that the housing 22 is an insulating material.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001, the Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 3 and rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,082,398 ("Bourdon et al."). By this present amendment, Figures 2-4 have been revised. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

The Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 3 of the drawing because the hatch lines for the

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800
I hereby certify that this document along with any documents referred to as being attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Arlene
10/19/01
October 5, 2001 *Response*
Date *#10*

Kerri Richardson
Kerri Richardson